GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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ARRIVAL OF TOURISTS IN JAMMU AND KASHMIR
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the arrival of tourists in Jammu and Kashmir has been decreased due to terrorist activities in the State;

(b) if so, the number of tourists visited during 1999-2000; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to promote tourism in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE

(SHRI ANANTHKUMAR)

(a) and (b): There has been an increase of 1.64% in flow of tourists to the State of Jammu & Kashmir during the year 1999 as compared to the year 1998. Total number of tourists who visited Jammu & Kashmir during 1999-2000 are 4822966.

(c): The development of tourism in any state is primarily the responsibility of the State Govts./UT Administration. Central Ministry of Tourism, however, provides central financial assistance to them for specific proposals prioritised in consultation with them every year. During the year 1999-2000, 17 projects for an amount of Rs. 318.21 lakhs were sanctioned to the State Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir for the implementation of various tourism projects including renovation/upgradation of tourist complex, construction of cafeteria and purchase of ice hockey equipment etc.